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#### Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified application. This Statement is submitted:

- [ ] within three months of the application filing date;
- [X] more than three months from the application filing date but before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this

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Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above identified application:\*

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<sup>\*</sup> Applicants reserve the right to challenge the status of any of the cited documents as prior art.

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All cited references are also listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application.

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An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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